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Campus-Wide Forum Set for February 4

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To: Faculty-All; Staff-All

Fellow Faculty and Staff:

I am pleased to invite all faculty and staff to attend a campus-wide forum presented by Dr. Gordon Emslie, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Gordon Baylis, Vice President for Research, on Friday, February 4, 2011, at 3 p.m. in MMTH auditorium. Dr. Emslie and Dr. Baylis have both been working hard since the beginning of their respective duties in 2010. They both spent much of the fall 2010 semester conducting their own "Listening Tour." Their meetings with faculty throughout our academic departments have given both gentlemen an important and meaningful insight into the University's structure and potential. They have also developed a keen awareness of areas which need improvement and where a more effective and efficient structure is in order.

I have been meeting with both of them on a regular basis. I have studied closely the recommendations they have submitted with regard to the academic structure and policies which will help shape our university for many years to come. They are now prepared to discuss their findings and recommendations with the campus community. We are in agreement with the plans which they will describe on February 4, and the ways in which our University can be positioned for enhanced academic and administrative value. Some of their recommendations are near-term and some are long-term in context and implementation, but all merit our full consideration.

I believe you will find their actions to be both important and pervasive, particularly across the academic heart of the institution. They will present these actions both verbally and in writing. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and engage in this important discussion. I hope to see you on February 4. Thank you.

Gary A. Ransdell